

Claims

We claim:

[c1] A tool for turning flow control valve levers, the tool comprising

- a) a linear cross-arm member,
- b) an extension arm connected at a first end to the center of the cross arm and extending therefrom to form a T-shaped tool,
- c) a first rectangular section attached to the second end of the extension arm having a terminal opening to provide a first socket portion at the second end of the extension arm,
- d) a second rectangular section nested inside the first socket portion having and having terminal opening to provide a second socket portion at the second end of the extension arm, said second rectangular section being detachable from said first rectangular section.

[c2] A tool according to claim 1 further comprising a latch for securing the second rectangular section to the tool.

[c3] A tool according to claim 1 further comprising a tether connecting the second rectangular section to the extension arm.

[c4] A tool according to claim 1 wherein the first and second rectangular section have visually distinct external markings.

[c5] A tool according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the first or second rectangular sections as a surface indicia selected from the group consisting of color, numbers, letters, symbols, shading and patterns.

[c6] A tool according to claim 5 wherein the surface indicia further comprises an external texture for tactile identification.

[c7] A tool according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the first or second rectangular sections is colored by a method selected from the group consisting of painting, applying tape, applying labels, integral color of the material used to fabricate the section and anodizing.

[c8] A tool for turning flow control valve levers, the tool comprising

- a) a linear cross-arm member,

- b) an extension arm connected at a first end to the center of the cross arm and extending therefrom to form a T-shaped tool,
- c) a first work piece member for coupling to the second end of the extension arm and having a work piece engaging socket extending therefrom,
- d) a second work piece member for coupling to the second end of the extension arm and having a work piece engaging socket extending therefrom,
- e) wherein the first and second work piece engaging member are alternatively engage the extension arm such that either the first or second socket portion thereof is oriented substantially co-axial with the extension arm, the first work piece engaging member having a visually distinct external marking to distinguish it from the first work piece engaging member.

[c9] A tool according to claim 8 wherein at least one of the first or second rectangular sections as a surface indicia selected from the group consisting of color, numbers, letters, symbols, shading and patterns.

[c10] A tool according to claim 9 wherein the surface indicia further comprises an external texture for tactile identification.

[c11] A tool according to claim 8 wherein at least one of the first or second rectangular sections is colored by a method selected from the group consisting of painting, applying tape, applying labels, integral color of the material used to fabricate the section and anodizing.

[c12] A tool for turning flow control valve levers, the tool comprising

- a) a linear cross-arm member,
- b) an extension arm connected at a first end to the center of the cross arm and extending therefrom to form a T-shaped tool,
- c) a first rectangular section attached to the second end of the extension arm forming a first rectangular slot at the end of the extension arm,
- d) wherein at least one of the cross-arm and said extension arm have a flat bar shaped cross section with a rectangular slot formed therein,
- e) wherein the external marking of the slot and rectangular section are visually distinct.

- [c13] A tool according to claim 12 wherein at least one of the external markings is selected from the group consisting of color, numbers, letters, symbols, shading and patterns.
- [c14] A tool according to claim 13 wherein the external markings further comprises an external texture for tactile identification.
- [c15] A tool according to claim 12 wherein at least one of the external markings is colored by a method selected from the group consisting of painting, applying tape, applying labels, integral color of the material used to fabricate the section and anodizing.
- [c16] A tool kit comprising;
- a) A tool comprising;
 - i) a lever arm,
 - ii) a first rectangular slot coupled to the lever arm having a first slot width and marked by a first surface indicia,
 - iii) a second rectangular slot coupled to the lever arm having a second slot width and marked by a second surface indicia,
 - b) markers for visibly tagging utility supply valves to correspond with the slots of said tool, the marker comprising;
 - i) a first marking device corresponding to the first surface indicia for marking a valve handle having outer dimensions corresponding to the inner dimensions of the first slot,
 - ii) a second marking device corresponding to the second surface indicia for marking a valve handle having outer dimensions corresponding to the inner dimensions of the second slot.
- [c17] A tool kit according to claim 16 wherein at least one of the first or second surface indicia is selected from the group consisting of color, numbers, letters, symbols, shading and patterns.
- [c18] A tool kit according to claim 17 wherein the surface indicia further comprises an external texture for tactile identification.
- [c19] A process for emergency control closure of gas and utility lines, the process comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a gas supply line and valve having a first surface indicia,
- b) providing a water supply line and valve having a second surface indicia,
- c) providing a tool having,
 - i) a lever arm,
 - ii) a first slot for receiving the lever of the gas supply line,
 - iii) a second slot for receiving the lever of the water supply line,
 - iv) the first slot being marked with the first surface indicia and the second slot being marked with the second surface indicia,
- d) inserting the slot having the first surface indicia over the gas supply lever,
- e) rotating the lever arm of the tool to close the gas
- f) inserting the slot having the second surface indicia over the water supply lever,
- g) rotating the lever arm to close the water supply line.